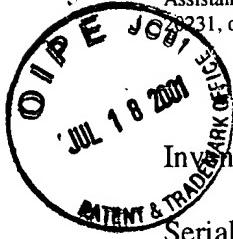


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Inventor: Brad Bosworth and Peter Vögeli )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, please amend the  
application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 11, line 33 please add --primers P7 and PBEST (3 min at 95°C, 30 cycles of 30 sec at 95°C, 30 sec at 56°C and-- after "PCR with..."

No fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 10-0435 with reference to our attorney docket number (21459/91513).

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